

Marine Life Protection Act Update

October 17, 2008

California Department of
Fish and Game

BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE (BRTF)

Meeting San Diego

September 8, 2008

- **Some agenda items:**
- Receive presentation of draft lessons learned report for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region (NCCSR)
- Receive an introduction to the MLPA South Coast Study Region (SCSR), including existing marine protected areas (MPAs) and the draft regional profile
- Receive updates on the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT)

20-member Science Advisory Team, South Coast Study Region appointed September 8, 2008

- Dr. Larry Allen, California State University, Northridge
- Dr. Richard Ambrose, UCLA, Department of Environmental Health Sciences
- Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, Humboldt State University/NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- Dr. Mark Carr, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Dr. Susan Chivers, NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- Dr. Christopher Costello, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Dr. Paul Dayton, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego

Science Advisory Team

appointed September 8, 2008

- Dr. Steve Gaines, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Mr. Dominic Gregorio, State Water Resources Control Board
- Dr. Ray Hilborn, University of Washington
- Dr. John Largier, Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California, Davis
- Dr. Steven Morgan, Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California, Davis
- Dr. Steven Murray, California State University, Fullerton
- Dr. Daniel Pondella, Occidental College

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- Dr. Peter Raimondi, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Mr. Dan Robinette, Point Reyes Bird Observatory/Vandenberg Field Station
- Dr. Astrid Scholz, Ecotrust
- Dr. Stephen Stohs, NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- Dr. Stephen Weisberg, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
- Mr. Stephen Wertz, California Department of Fish and Game

September 10- Master Plan Science
Advisory Team first meeting by
teleconference and webinar

September 15- Joint Meeting Master Plan
Science Advisory Teams from North
Central and South Coast Study Regions

South Coast Study Region Oceanography Workshop

September 16, El Segundo

- Workshop Objectives
- Review and provide input on a draft graphical and narrative explanation of major oceanographic patterns in the MLPA South Coast Study Region to be included in a regional profile
- Receive an overview of MLPA modeling efforts
- Evaluate approaches to developing dispersal kernels for population models used to design and evaluate alternative marine protected area (MPA) proposals
- Discuss implications of oceanography and geography of the Southern California Bight for MPA spacing guidelines and the evaluation of MPA proposals

South Coast Study Region Regional Stakeholder Group announced September 30

- 30 primary members
- 27 alternate members
- I have the list of primaries

MLPA South Coast Study Region Regional Stakeholder Group- First meeting October 6-7, 2008 in El Segundo

- Review project goals, charge of the SCRSG, and work plan
- Review and adopt proposed SCRSG ground rules
- Review key findings of stakeholder assessment and implications for south coast process
- Initiate review of draft regional profile (PUBLIC REVIEW AND INPUT IS CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL PROFILE)
- Initiate discussion of draft regional goals and objectives
- Outline preparations for second SCRSG meeting

Web Site Update

- major overhaul of the MLPA web site which should be going "live" in a few weeks